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## **MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing two firearms.

**Nestor A. Barraza**, 28, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to one year and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 21, 2004, **Barraza** pleaded guilty to being an illegal alien in possession of two firearms. By pleading guilty, **Barraza** admitted that he was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company 9 mm pistol and a Stevens .22-caliber rifle between Jan. 7 and 12, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm.

**Barraza** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 29, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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